

Department of Permits and Development Management
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

In the Matter of
Esteban Velasquez
Respondent

Civil Citation No. 68307
1914 Gwynn Oak Avenue

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
FINAL ORDER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before the Baltimore County Code Enforcement Hearing Officer on November 10, 2009, for a Hearing on a citation for violations of the Baltimore County Code (BCC) section 35-6-105, 35-6-112: Respondent has not obtained a rental housing license for rental property known as 1914 Gwynn Oak Avenue, 21207.

On October 19, 2009, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector Kathleen O'Donnell issued a Code Enforcement citation. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1st class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars).

The Respondent failed to request a Code Enforcement Hearing and/or failed to appear after requesting a Hearing. Baltimore County Code, § 3-6-205(d) provides that in case of failure to request a Code Enforcement Hearing or if the violator (Respondent) fails to appear after requesting a Hearing then the citation and the civil penalty, shall be the Final Order of the Code Official not subject to appeal.

After proper consideration of all the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer finds:

A. A Correction Notice was issued on September 1, 2009 requiring application by October 1, 2009.

B. This Citation was issued on October 19, 2009. Review of the file shows no further contact or response from the property owner. Baltimore County law requires landlords to obtain a valid Rental Housing License before a residential property may be rented. Notes in the file show that Inspector O'Neill talked with the tenant and was told that the Respondent does not live at this property.

IT IS ORDERED by the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer that a civil penalty be imposed in the amount of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the civil penalty will be REDUCED to \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) if Respondent obtains a valid rental housing license by December 16, 2009. After that date, rental without the required license may result in additional Citations with civil penalty.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if not paid within thirty days of billing, the civil penalty as authorized above shall be imposed and placed as a lien upon the property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County inspect the property to determine whether the violations have been corrected.

ORDERED this 17th day of November 2009.

Signed: ORIGINAL SIGNED
Margaret Z. Ferguson
Baltimore County Hearing Officer

